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February 2, 2004

Ref: 394-22401

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Hearing Application 9800' Zone, Reservoir A Pelican Point Field Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana Applicant: Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to 9800' Zone, Reservoir A in the Pelican Point Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 77 acres for the 9800' Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the 9800' RA SUA, Pelican Point Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
- To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the 9800' RA SUA created herein;
- 5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

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The 9800' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Pelican Point Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 9,775 feet and 9,905 feet (electrical log measurements) (-9732 to 9862' subset) in the Clayton Wiliams Energy, Inc.-State Lease 17620 No. 1 Well in Township 18 South, Range 17 East.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated January 21, 2004 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2004. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference WILL NOT BE HELD.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 9800' RA SUA, Pelican Point Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Art Christy of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

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Mr. Richard D. Hudson

District Manager

Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

